AERMOD vs. CALPUFF

AERMET (Meteorology Processor for AERMOD)

Input:

- Meteorological input data: surface observation data at one site, upper air radiosonde data at one site
- Geophysical input data: terrain elevation data, land use/land cover data

Output:

- Surface file: surface level meteorological and micrometeorological data
- Profile file: a vertical profile of winds, temperature and the standard deviation of the fluctuating components of the wind

CALMET (Meteorology Processor for CALPUFF)

Input:

- Meteorological input data: surface observation data at multiple sites, upper air radiosonde data at multiple sites
- Geophysical input data: terrain elevation data, land use/land cover data

Output:

- 3-dimensional wind and temperature fields
- Surface level micrometeorological data

AERMOD Dispersion Model Characteristics

- US EPA recommended model
- Straight-line Gaussian plume model
- Cannot handle calm winds
- Calculate concentration, dry deposition and wet deposition

CALPUFF Dispersion Model Characteristics

- US EPA recommended model
- Non-steady Gaussian puff model
- · Can deal with calm winds
- Calculate concentration, dry deposition and wet deposition

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